

Reedsburg Police Department

Annual Report



2019 Shop with a Cop

2019

Patrick B. Cummings
Chief of Police

Mission Statement & Strategic Goals

Mission

The Reedsburg Police Department will provide the highest level of service through the enforcement of laws and the protection of life, property and the constitutional rights of all. We will make a positive impact by meeting the present and future needs of the public through a continued partnership with our community.

Strategic Goals

The following goals are established to support the mission:

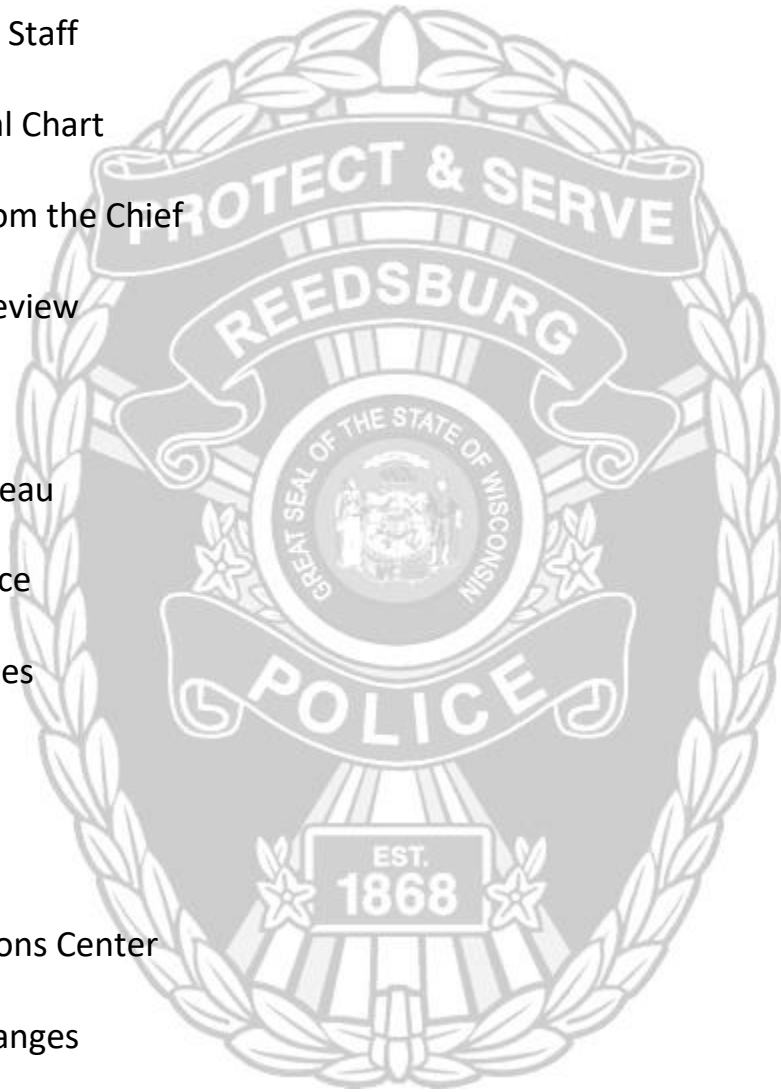
- The Department will seek maximum efficiency in its goal of effectively addressing its basic mission
- The Department will ensure a focused response for identifiable community problems. Emphasis will be to solve problems through education, cooperation, and enforcement of the law
- The Department recognizes that its personnel are the most valuable resource and a conscious effort will be made to fully develop this resource through training and mentoring
- As a means of ensuring that the Department is administered and operates effectively and efficiently, "state of the art" methods and resources will be deployed. This strategic goal will rely on compliance with the published accreditation standards of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG)

*The Mission and Goals are reviewed annually to provide the most up-to-date, comprehensive service, insuring community satisfaction.



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Sworn Police Staff...

Officer	Primary Assignment	Unit
<i>Chief Timothy Becker (Retired)</i>	<i>Administration</i>	<i>100</i>
Chief Patrick Cummings	Administration	128
Lieutenant Andrew Stelter	Detective Bureau Commander	127
Sergeant Andrew Foesch	A Shift Commander	126
Sergeant Richard Wolf	B Shift Commander	129
Sergeant Mark Eberle	C Shift Commander	137
Sergeant Jesse Spears	Detective Bureau	127
Detective (Vacant)	Detective Bureau	
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Karl	SRO/Detective Bureau	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139
Officer Will Botten	Patrol	140
Officer Joshua Hoege	Patrol/K9	142
Officer Joshua Benson	Patrol	144
Officer Samantha Mittlesteadt	SRO/Detective Bureau	146
Officer Jacob Williams	Patrol	147
Officer Kyle Yeager	Patrol	148
Officer Chris Cali	Patrol	149
Officer Marcus Stanley	Patrol	150
Officer Kim Bleske	Patrol	151
Officer Micha Dunse	Patrol	152
Officer Brendan Cutrell	Patrol	153
Kathy Laatsch	Evidence Technician	600

Civilian Police Staff...

Communication Center:

Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Dori Helm	Civilian Support Specialist	522
Diane Fry	Operator	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Missy Honer	Operator	527
Dan Meinhardt	Operator	532
Jon Peters	Operator	534

Chaplain:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
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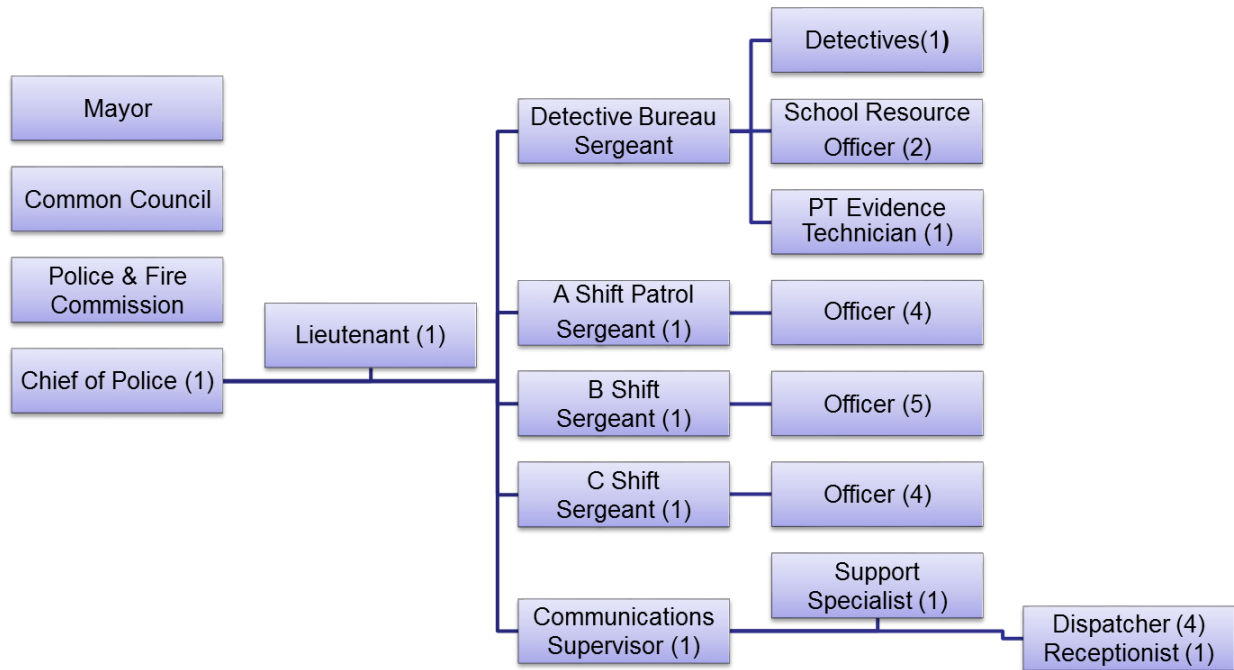


Officer Josh Hoege & K9 Xena



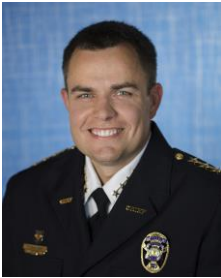
Easter Candy Hunt in City Park 2019

Organizational Chart...



A Message from the Chief...

Honorable David G. Estes,
Mayor of the City of Reedsburg
Members of the Common Council,



On behalf of the men and women of the Reedsburg Police Department, it is an honor to submit to you the 2019 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2019 coming to a close, it is important to reflect on our progress and challenges experienced the past year.

Chief Timothy Becker retired after 13 years of service to the City and became our City Administrator. I was sworn in as the new Police Chief on March 11th, 2019. I worked closely with the Police and Fire Commission as promotions were needed to fill a number of command level positions.

As the City grows both in population and geographically, the Police Department continues to receive a high demand for services, logging 17,257 calls for service. The Police Department continues to battle the opioid epidemic and methamphetamine problems that many communities face. We see a high level of “vaping” among our youth and we work closely with the school district to bring awareness of the associated dangers that come with these highly addictive nicotine devices.

The police department collaborated with the community through the Shop with a Cop program, Easter Candy Hunt at City Park, Bar Buddies Reedsburg, K9 Demonstrations and Reedsburg Boys & Girls Club. Our two school resources officers also work diligently with the Reedsburg School District to help our youth.

Maintaining the Department’s accredited status is an on-going process that helps to maintain the efficacy and professionalism of the Department. Several officers and dispatchers are involved in this process year round to ensure our team operates at the highest standards.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the Common Council, the Police and Fire Commission and the City Administrator for their support and I am pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

Patrick B. Cummings
Chief of Police

The Year in Review...

This is a sampling of the issues faced by the Reedsburg Police Department in 2019:

- Criminal Clearance Rate at 76%.
- Calls for Service remained high at 17,257.
- Total activity increased 2%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests decreased 11%.
- Traffic complaints/citations increased 12%.
- Traffic Accidents increased 18%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 90 drunk drivers in 2019.
- Cleared 100% of all physical and sexual assaults.
- Cleared 83% of all burglaries.

Patrol Calls by Shift...

A – Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Sgt. Andy Foesch. Sgt. Foesch oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officers. A-Shift responded to 6,130 calls for service.

B – Shift:



B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Sgt. Rich Wolf commands the B-Shift. Sgt. Wolf is responsible for supervising the patrol officers. B-Shift responded to 6,919 calls for service.

C-Shift:



Sgt. Mark Eberle commands the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. In addition to these responsibilities, Sgt. Eberle supervises the patrol officers assigned to his shift. C-Shift responded to 4,208 calls for service.

Detective Bureau...

CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE

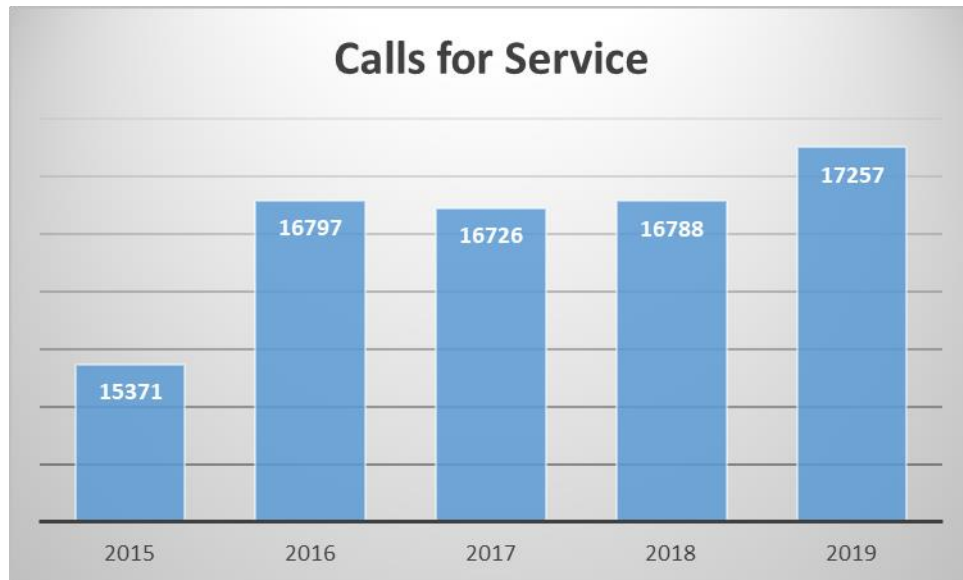


Lt. Andy Stelter is the second-in-command and supervises all four Sergeants, two School Resource Officers and the Evidence Technician. Lt. Stelter also provides investigative support to the Detective Bureau.

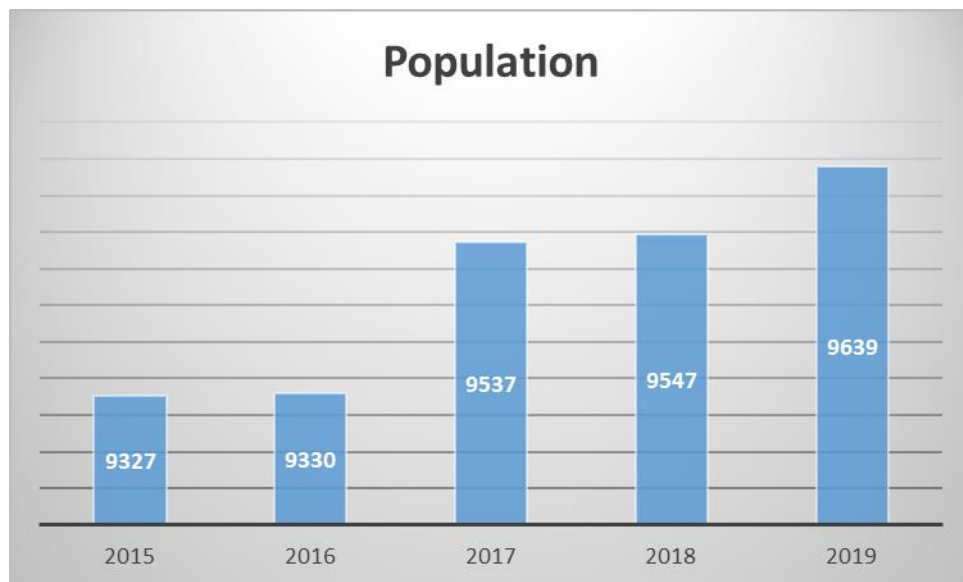


Sgt. Jesse Spears supervises the Detective Bureau. Sgt. Spears and another detective are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle “in-progress” calls. In 2019, the Detective Bureau was assigned 350 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations. Lieutenant Stelter and Sergeant Spears are active members of the Sauk County Drug Task Force.

Calls for Service...



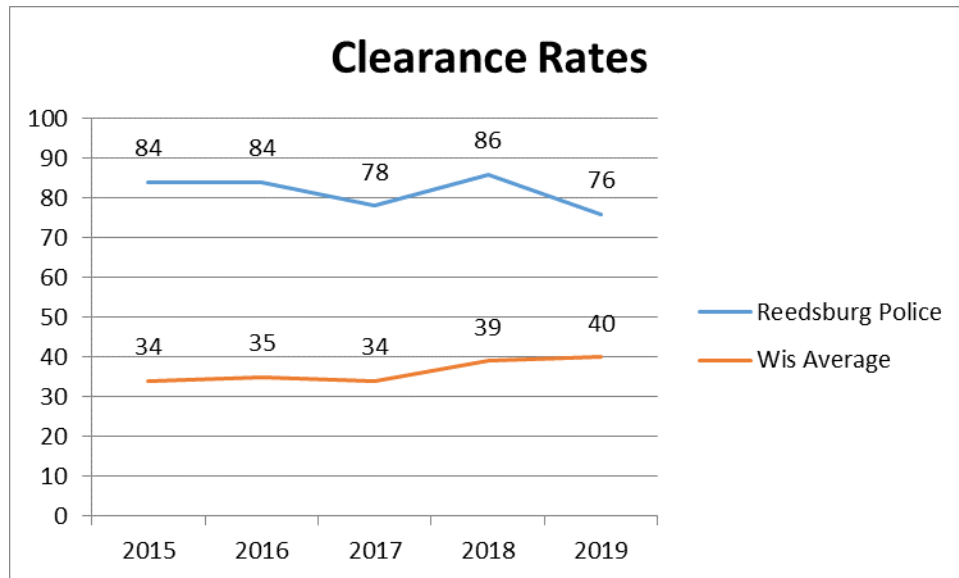
The Police Department realized an increase of calls as compared to 2018. In 2019, the calls for service averaged 1,078 calls per call-taking sworn position.



The City of Reedsburg continues as one of the fastest growing communities in Sauk County. According to US Census estimations**, our population has increased sharply over the last three years. The City of Reedsburg continues to focus on increasing our housing market. With this comes a need for additional law enforcement services.

**US Census estimation.

Clearance Rates...

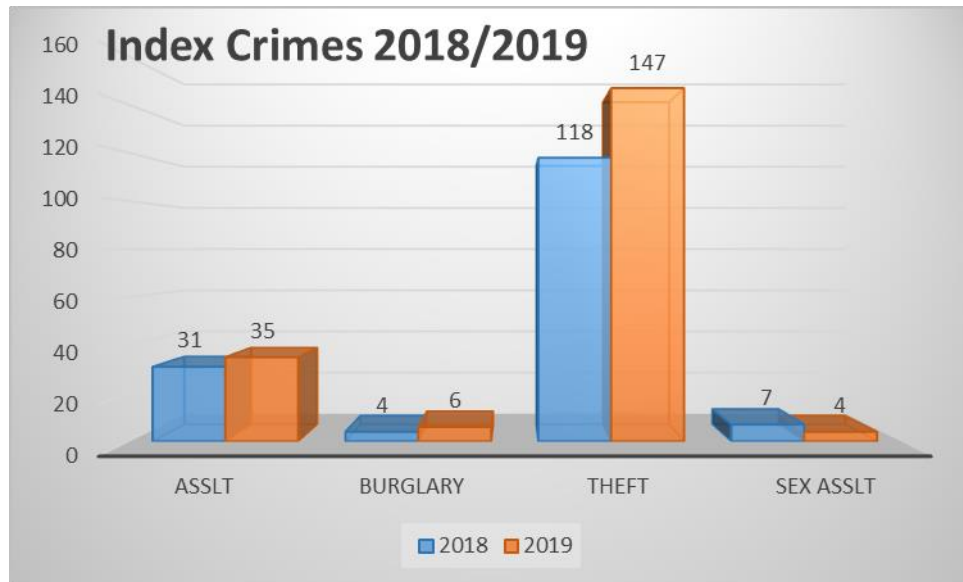


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a respectable 76% of criminal offenses. This is far above the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate.

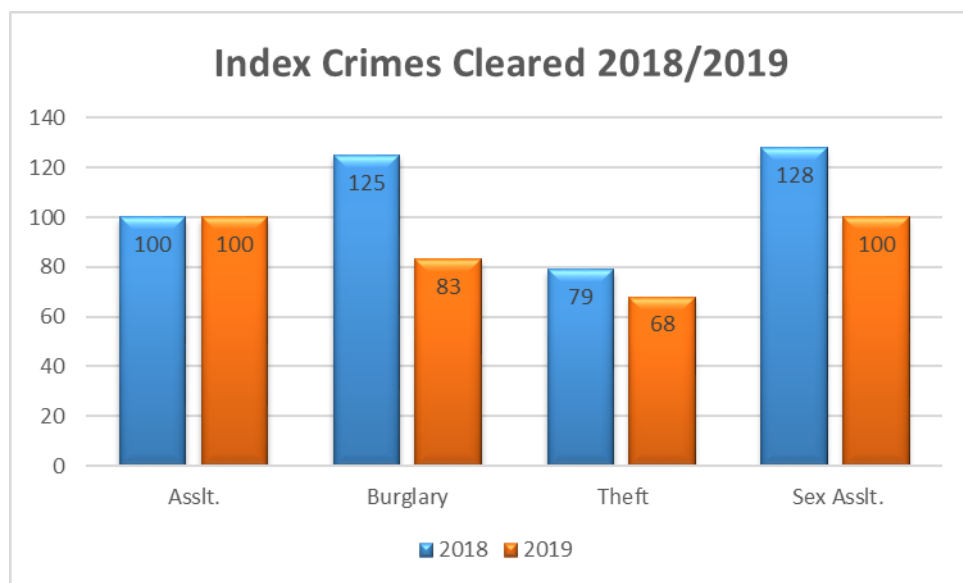


Denim Day to help bring awareness to Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April)

Index Crimes...



Index crimes are described as the most serious of crimes. It is often very difficult to be proactive enough to prevent crime from occurring. As illustrated below, the Reedsburg Police Department does hold those criminals accountable for the most serious crimes committed.



Statistics...

Use of Force Incidents:

Date	Time	Charge	Method	History
01/16/2019	22:27	Obstructing, Resisting, Open Intox	Empty Hands	Yes
06/10/2019	12:08	Resisting	Empty Hands	Yes
08/09/2019	21:10	DC, Obstructing	Taser	Yes
08/11/2019	02:28	DC, Resisting	Empty Hands	Yes
08/20/2019	20:04	DC, Resisting, Poss THC, Poss Para	Taser	Yes
08/20/2019	23:58	Resisting	Empty Hands	Yes
11/03/2019	18:04	Resisting	Empty Hands	Yes
12/01/2019	01:55	DC, Resisting, CDTF, Battery	Taser	Yes
12/27/2019	12:07	DC, Resisting, CDTF, Bail Jumping	Empty Hands	Yes

Empty Hands techniques are used to overpower the resistive behavior. Force beyond that was not necessary.

Other Agency Assists:

Reedsburg Police Department has assisted other law enforcement agencies a total of 848 times in 2019 as compared to 705 in 2018. The Police Department is honored to assist outside agencies and frequently requests assistance from those same agencies.

Traffic Enforcement/Accidents:

The Reedsburg Police Department received over \$20,000 in grants for equipment and traffic enforcement in 2019.

Overall traffic accidents were up 18%, we had a 24% decrease in reportable property damage accidents and injury accidents remained the same. Traffic Enforcement has increased 12%, primary due to Department of Transportation grants. That tends to explain the Department experiencing a decrease in more serious crashes.

Emergency Detention/Transports:

Emergency detentions are used when a subject is either mentally ill and in need of hospitalization or a subject is incapacitated by alcohol. These cases are normally triaged at Reedsburg Area Medical Center and then it is the Police Department's responsibility

to transport them to a specialized hospital. These transports are typically made to Madison or Winnebago County. These cases not only take several hours to triage, the transports are becoming extremely more time consuming. The transports require the use of two employees to complete safely. The Reedsburg Police Department made 34 transports in 2019.

Communications Center:

The Reedsburg Police Department maintains a 24/7 dispatch and communications center providing dispatch service to police, fire, ambulance, DPW and Utilities. This highly productive unit receives and processes all calls for service and documentation for the Police Department's activities. In addition, the communications personnel also staff the front counter/reception area for the Police Department and is the only 24/7 call center in the City. The Communications Center also issues Wisconsin vehicle registrations as well as processing worthless checks, bicycle licenses, parking citations and open records requests. This is a sample of the activity that occurs in the Communications Center:

Lobby Walk-In Traffic:	4,789 (4,872 off hours)
Telephone Calls:	21,624
Open Records Requests Processed:	601
Wisconsin Registrations Processed:	954

This is all done while dispatching Police (17,257 calls), Fire (212 calls), Ambulance (2,121 calls) and Utilities.

Reedsburg Police Squads

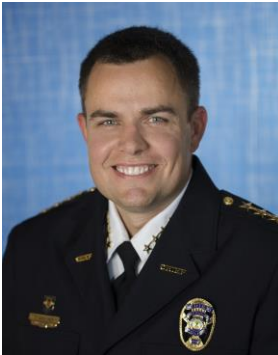


Ford Police Interceptor Utility

Personnel Changes in 2019...



Chief Timothy Becker retired.



Lieutenant Patrick Cummings promoted to Chief 3/2019



Sergeant Andy Stelter promoted to Lieutenant 5/2019



Detective Jesse Spears promoted to Sergeant 8/2019

Headlines from 2019...

Sauk County Board Supervisor Cited for Retail Theft

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Sauk County Board Supervisor was cited for two counts of retail theft after he was identified from photos taken inside the affected stores on January 5, 2019.

Snow Storm Results in Injury Crashes

(REEDSBURG, WI) Two drivers were injured in separate crashes on E. Main Street during the snow storm on Monday morning.

Driver Cited for Two OWI Offenses within Hours

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Reedsburg woman was cited twice for OWI within hours late Wednesday evening.

Distracted Driver Causes Traffic Accident

(REEDSBURG, WI) A distracted driver struck another vehicle Tuesday morning on East Main St.

Rock Springs Man Arrested for 8th Offense OWI

(REEDSBURG, WI) A man was taken into custody for OWI 8th Offense Sunday evening after a concerned citizen flagged down an officer to report the intoxicated driver.

Plane Incident at Reedsburg Airport, No Injuries

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Cessna 180 aircraft lost control after landing at the Reedsburg Municipal Airport Saturday afternoon.

Motorcycle Accident

(REEDSBURG, WI) A motorcycle driver was taken to the hospital following a crash in the 100 block of Granite Ave on Wednesday evening.

Multiple OWI Arrests over the Weekend

(REEDSBURG, WI) Four people were taken into custody for operating while intoxicated this past weekend related to separate traffic stops.

Man Arrested After Yelling Profanities and Spitting at Vehicles

(REEDSBURG, WI) A rural Reedsburg man was arrested Tuesday evening after yelling profanities and spitting at vehicles along East Main Street.

Mother Arrested for 3rd Offense OWI with Child in Vehicle

(REEDSBURG, WI) A woman was taken into custody for OWI 3rd Offense Wednesday evening after a concerned citizen reported a vehicle driving all over the roadway nearly causing a collision.

Intoxicated Driver Crashes into Police Squad Causing Injury

(REEDSBURG, WI) A man was taken into custody for OWI 5th Offense Wednesday morning after crashing into the back of a Sauk County Sheriff's Department squad.

Reedsburg Woman Arrested for Possession with Intent to Deliver Meth

(REEDSBURG, WI) A local woman was arrested Saturday night after Reedsburg Police executed a search warrant on her residence.

Madison Man Arrested for Carrying Concealed Handgun, Drugs; Counterfeit Money Seized

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police were dispatched to a local business Wednesday afternoon at 2:21pm for a report of a possible theft. The business staff was able to provide a vehicle description as the individuals departed and officers located the vehicle a short time later.

Reedsburg Woman Arrested for 4th Offense OWI

(REEDSBURG, WI) A woman was taken into custody for OWI 4th Offense Tuesday evening after a concerned citizen called police to report the intoxicated driver.

Reedsburg Man Arrested for Possession of Heroin and Methamphetamine

(REEDSBURG, WI) A local man was taken into custody for Possession of Heroin and Methamphetamine Tuesday evening.